

**PLUG FOR AVOIDING UNINTENDED
DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICAL POWER**

Abstract of the Disclosure

An apparatus and method are provided for substantially avoiding the inadvertent
5 disconnection or dislodgment of an electrically powered device, such as a computer or
television set or vacuum cleaner, from a source of electrical power. The apparatus
includes an electrical male plug that has prongs configured to increase the tension
between the electrical male plug and the sockets of an electrical power outlet, or an
electrical female plug that has female contacts disposed in sockets and configured to
10 increase the tension between female contacts and the male contacts of the electrically
powered device. The apparatus and method alternatively provide an adapter having an
increased tension electrical male plug at one end and a standard electrical female
receptacle at a second end, and a mechanism that locks a standard electrical male plug to
the standard electrical female receptacle of the adapter. The apparatus and method also
15 alternatively provide a standard electrical female receptacle at one end, and a mechanism
that locks a standard electrical male plug to the standard electrical female receptacle to
provide a locking female outlet. The adapter or locking female outlet is attachable to a
standard electrical male plug for preventing the inadvertent disconnection or dislodgment
of an electrically powered device plugged into the standard electrical female receptacle of
20 the adapter or locking female outlet.